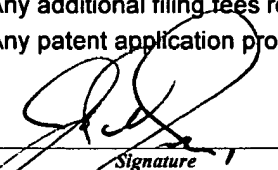
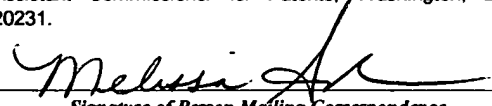


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 11, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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9. (Twice Amended) An immunoassay method of quantifying a predetermined antigen in a sample of whole blood, comprising the steps of:
- providing a sample of the whole blood;
 - adding a hemolysis reagent (and a latex reagent directly) to the sample of the whole blood (and hemolysing the whole blood sample with the hemolysis reagent) to hemolyse the blood corpuscles;